## ABSTRACT

Abending device (1) has ram start-up means (2) provided so as to be movable in the left-right direction, and control means (20E) for moving the ram start-up means (2) to a point in front of a positioning point of a workpiece at each bending sequence. In addition, the bending device (1) has ram start-up means (2) provided so as to be movable in the left-right direction, foreign object detecting means (8 and 9) for detecting the entry of a foreign object into a region of movement of the ram start-up means (2), and control means (20E) for preventing the ram start-up means (2) from moving when the entry of the foreign object is detected.